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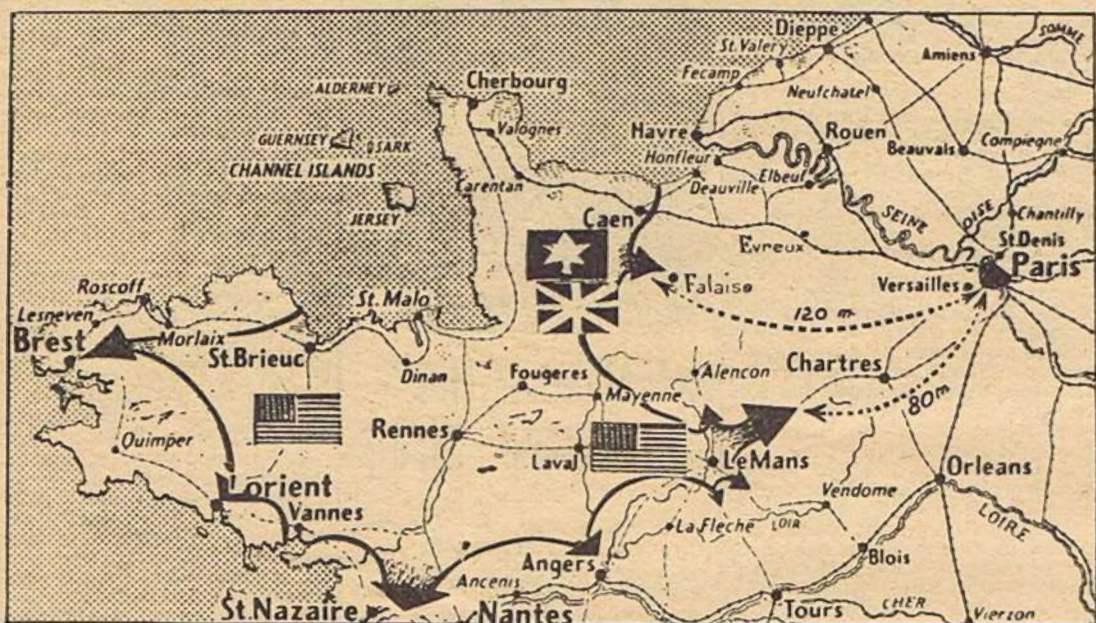
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TWO LIRE

YANKS REACH NANTES



Allied forces are rapidly getting into position for the decisive push on Paris. Canadians and British fighting men are gradually loosening the tight German hinge around Caen while Americans have sewed up the Brittany peninsula with its valuable ports.

St. Malo Entered; Surround Angers

American Armor Presses Assault Against Nazi U-Boat Pens On Breton Peninsula

LONDON, Aug. 10—American armor and infantry, racing beyond the isolated Breton peninsula, today reached the strategic river port of Nantes, on the Loire, while other armored units surrounded Angers, 56 miles to the northeast.

On the peninsula itself, Yank infantry and tanks entered St. Malo and pressed home their assault on the other four prize ports, vital German submarine lairs. Heavy fighting continued in the Caen sector as the Germans brought up every gun they could spare to prevent hard-driving Canadian forces from reaching Falaise.

Krauts Withdraw In Florence Area

ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 10—Eighth Army troops today held all high ground south of the Arno River in the Arno bend east of Florence as Kraut troops withdrew to the north, following Allied capture of monastery-crowned Hill 557.

Pockets of enemy resistance in this sector south of Pontassieve were being cleaned up by 8th Army forces and German patrols were reported to be the only organized enemy formations south of the river. Considerable enemy shelling and mortaring continued in the mountain area north of Arezzo.

On the 5th Army front, Nazi forces reacted sharply to patrol and artillery action and harassing enemy artillery fire continued throughout yesterday.

A Kraut attempt to construct an underwater bridge south of San Giovanni alla Vena about nine miles east of Pisa was frustrated by Allied artillery.

Polish troops of the 8th Army captured two important features dominating the high ground between the Misa and Cesano Rivers in the Adriatic sector in the face of determined opposition. Francavilla, one mile south of the Cesano and four miles inland from the Adriatic, was taken by Polish and Italian troops in the renewal of offensive action yesterday.

Approximately 150 men and women found to have small arms and grenades in their possession were arrested by Canadians and Partisans in the Florence sector south of the Arno where armed and hostile Fascists were cleared from the area between Via del Seraglio and Via Romana.

There however was no official news of the position of the Americans who occupied Le Mans, 130 miles southwest of Paris, yesterday. A German report, however, said they were already well east of the city.

Nantes, 28 miles inland from the Atlantic, is the biggest city the Allies have yet reached, having a normal peacetime population of more than 187,000. The drive to Nantes also marked the southernmost penetration of the American advance. Nantes is Brittany's first city and one of France's great river ports. It is the focal point of road and rail communications linking Paris with the Atlantic coast, and there is a sizeable shipbuilding industry there.

In and near Nantes, the Germans had taken over major aircraft and armament factories, and its many military targets have long been the objective of Allied air attacks.

The Americans who reached the city met only slight resistance on the approach, but did run into an immense number of mines. At last reports they were clearing these extensive minefields preparatory to entering the city.

On the Breton peninsula, elements of at least four German divisions were fighting ferociously to defend their great bases at Brest and Lorient after having lost St. Malo. This latter port was reduced to just a stronghold after the backbone of its defense was broken with the capture of 3,000 Nazi troops.

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Russians Hurling Three Army Groups

LONDON, Aug. 10—The mighty Russian onslaught for East Prussia is in full swing, Moscow reports declared today, with three powerful Red Army groups smashing German positions on a long semi-circular front from the northeast to the southeast borders of the Reich state.

Press dispatches told of German reinforcements being rushed to the sector to blunt the prong of the Soviet drive but the Russian communique said all Nazi counterattacks thus far have been beaten back and great casualties inflicted on the Wehrmacht.

The bulk of the German defenders of East Prussia were reported pinned down by the Russian drive in the center of the line. When this happened, the armies on the left and right flanks pushed off and Russian reports said the Nazis caught napping by the strategy were "crushed."

Further gains were reported by Russian armies driving in the north and the Soviet communique told of two new drives opened by Red armies toward Riga from the south and southeast. These new pushes made it clear that the Russian strategy in the Baltic is to cut off segments of the trapped 16th and 18th German armies from the main groupings and annihilate these pockets as they appear.

North of Warsaw another 150 inhabited places fell to the advancing Soviets while south of the Polish capital, heavy German counterattacks were smashed as the Russians extended their bridgehead across the Vistula River. The Russian communique made no mention of Warsaw but Polish underground reports said heavy fighting still was raging inside the city.

Italian Luxury Liner Scuttled In Shanghai

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—The Italian luxury liner Conte Verde was scuttled by her crew in Shanghai harbor when the Japs attempted to seize the ship at the conclusion of the Italian-Allied armistice, it was revealed today.

American nationals who left Shanghai last November said they had seen the liner lying at the bottom of the harbor. General Joseph Stilwell announced that Liberators had hit the ship in an attack on Shanghai harbor three days ago.

IN PACIFIC



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

FDR In Honolulu; Meets War Chiefs

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 10 — President Roosevelt, making his first trip into the Pacific theater of the war, spent three days in Honolulu where he inspected installations and held military and naval conferences, it was revealed today. The exact date of the President's visit was not revealed for security reasons, but it evidently occurred about a week ago.

The announcement of the President's visit was the first report of his whereabouts since he broadcast the acceptance of his nomination for the Presidency from a West Coast base.

At Honolulu, President Roosevelt conferred with General Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Chester Nimitz, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. and Admiral William D. Leahy on coming phases of the Pacific war.

After the war council the President told correspondents the unconditional surrender policy of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and himself applied with unrelenting vigor against Japan as well as against Germany.

The President did not divulge results of the momentous meeting with U. S. war leaders of the Pacific zone other than to say the talks concerned new offensive plans. He did not indicate how soon realization of these plans may be expected.

Kremlin Seeking Vatican Meeting

LONDON, Aug. 10—The Russian Government, in an unprecedented political move, has sent a memorandum to the Vatican proposing co-ordinated action between Moscow and the Vatican in the postwar solution of moral social problems, Reuter's declared today.

The report said that Marshal Joseph Stalin had suggested to Pope Pius XII that they exchange views to facilitate action at the peace conference. The Russian premier is reported to have assured the Pope that Russia has no desire to create a social order anywhere by force and even would oppose such measures.

The Soviet memorandum asserted that Russia hopes to reach its goal only through democratic and legal principles.

The Vatican's attitude, Reuter's declared, is not yet known but it was reported that Monsignor Cortesi, Papal Nuncio to the Polish government, will proceed to Warsaw as soon as the Polish capital is liberated.

This decision, the London Daily News Chronicle said, would indicate that the Vatican had reconciled itself to the fact that Poland, predominantly a Catholic country, will be on close terms of friendship in the postwar world with Russia.

Film Biography Of Wilson Banned For U. S. Troops

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 — The film "Wilson," 20th Century-Fox's cinema biography of the World War I President, has been banned by the Army for distribution to troops, the Associated Press reported today. Also rejected was "Heavenly Days," starring Fibber McGee and Molly.

The motion picture board of the Moral Services Division, which selects films for soldier distribution, banned both pictures on the grounds that the subject matter violates the provisions of the soldier voting act.

That act prohibits distribution by the armed forces of books, magazines or other material containing matters calculated to influence the results of the national election.

"Wilson," was an expensive production even for Darryl Zanuck. It cost more than five million dollars

to make. The film was described as a "three-hour plea for internationalism."

Time magazine in appraising the film said while "Wilson" is not a great picture, it is an extremely absorbing, significant and entertaining one which everyone interested in the protracted coming of age of U. S. cinema will welcome.

The Time reviewer also said that "with 1944 political tempers growing warmer, 'Wilson' might be interpreted as straight fourth term propaganda."

Last December, producer Zanuck, a Republican, pointed out that the film might have proved helpful to Wendell Wilkie, board chairman of 20th Century-Fox whose "One World" Zanuck will produce if "Wilson" clicks.

Only recently Zanuck announced grimly "that if 'Wilson' flops, I'll never make a picture without Betty Grable."

500 Nazi U-Boats Sunk During War

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 — More than 500 German U-boats have been sunk by the Allies since the start of the war, it was reported today in a joint Anglo-American statement issued under the authority of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

The statement added that Nazi U-boats were "ineffective during July, a month which has been so important for the success of continental operations."

The number of German subs destroyed during July was "substantially greater than the number of merchant ships sunk," the statement said. "Seventeen U-boats have been sunk while attempting to interfere with our cross-channel traffic since the first landing of the army of liberation."

"The U-boat fleet is still of impressive size," the statement noted. "Nevertheless, the U-boats remain the hunted rather than the hunters. Nazi claims of sinkings are grossly exaggerated. June claims were an exaggeration of 1,000 percent. Pressure will be maintained until all chances of a revival of the U-boat campaign are killed."

Osaka Mainichi Claims Nips Have New War Weapon

GARAPAN, Saipan, Aug. 10—A new, easy way to down American planes, says a story in the Nipponese newspaper Osaka Mainichi, is to throw rice balls at them. Yes, sir, it's as simple as that!

The Japs are supposed to take such tall tales seriously, but victorious Americans who are mopping up the Japanese in this part of the world without benefit of rice balls get a big laugh out of the story. It's good for their morale, which isn't what the Japanese intended it to be at all.

The editors even went to the trouble of having the story printed in English and had their circulation department leave hundreds of copies of it on Saipan for the edification of the Allied invaders. So, imagine how they would feel if they saw the Yanks, who are well versed in the accomplishments of Superman, busting their sides laughing at this report of a battle between "a Japanese naval pilot and two American planes."

The battle of the rice balls took place, according to Mainichi, when a crippled Jap craft was being pursued by American fighters. Out of ammunition, the Nip began throwing rations, parachutes and pieces of his shattered instrument board.

Finally, only two rice balls remained, so the "hero" threw them at the Americans. That did the trick all right, the article states, because the Americans thought that the rice balls were hand grenades. They ducked, lost control of their planes, and crashed into the sea in a desperate effort to avoid them.

No doubt these same editors know what the true score is in the battle between Uncle Sam and Hirohito. Nevertheless, they still wonder publicly why the U. S. doesn't admit it is licked. They quote one expert, Vice Admiral Takijiro Onishi, in a three-column interview: "I don't see why the United States should have dumped planes and ocean craft in such wholesale fashion. What is the enemy driving at? We cannot make head or tail of what the enemy's game is." Onishi went on to say that America may have wasted half her aircraft carriers in recent Pacific battles.

Slight Error

CLEVELAND, Aug. 10—Oscar, a box turtle at a museum in suburban Rocky River laid an egg today, prompting museum officials to announce tersely, "We will rename the turtle."

DA Wants To Know About Brawl At Dorsey Shack

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 10—That battle royal at trombone expert Tommy Dorsey's home the other night is to be investigated, it was announced today by District Attorney Fred N. Howser, in view of the fact that Jon Hall, film actor husband of jive chanteuse Frances Langford, "has publicly indicated he thinks he has been the victim of a criminal assault."

"I feel it my duty to make a thorough investigation in the public interest," Howser said, adding that participants in the altercation will be asked to attend a session in his office and if they fail to respond they'll be called before the county grand jury.

Earlier, Antonio Icaza, 32-year-old Panamanian actor, filed suit against Tommy Dorsey and nine others, named only as John Doe or Jane Doe, demanding 40,000 dollars damages for injuries he alleges he

suffered during the brawling on Dorsey's Hollywood terrace last Saturday dawn.

Icaza's suit declared he was struck on the side of the head with a bottle hurled by Tommy. Jon Hall was treated after the fight for a broken nose and had some 48 stitches taken in his face, it was claimed.

Hall said Dorsey took offense when he playfully threw his arms around the bandleader's actress mate, shapely Pat Dane. Edward Norris, the he-man film star, also suffered sundry cuts and bruises in the resulting melee, and explains his was the role of peacemaker between Hall and Dorsey, with small thanks.

Icaza today showed newsmen his double breasted suit with blood on it, and lifted a bandage off his ear to show where the bottle whacked it. "I was frightened almost half to death," said Antonio, twirling his mustachios for cameramen. "I want justice."

The battle royal also involved Jane Churchill, a starlet who claims to be a third cousin of the British Prime Minister. As the male principals traded flying fists, bottles and flower pots, Jane got a few hand holds on beauteous Pat Dane's evening gown and Pat had to retire in the interest of modesty—in a big hurry—as there was plenty of moonlight.

Jane tells that Pat was kicking Norris while he was down, so she took a hand in the proceedings.

Meantime, Universal Studios, appalled at the whole goings-on, is trying to figure a way out to patch Hall's nose so he can continue in a movie as Maria Montez' Egyptian slave. He almost lost the tip of his nose. He says, undoing his many bandages: "Could a flower pot do this?"

It was hinted a number of those in the melee were told to keep quiet or else, and that, District Attorney Howser indicated, is a bit of movie gangster intimidation he is going to investigate.

Chaplin Bans Picture Of New-Born Daughter

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 10—Charlie Chaplin, the white-thatched British comedian who won millions by having his picture taken, said today his new-born daughter would never be photographed.

Chaplin declared: "No picture will ever be made of this baby. I'll give you 1,000 dollars if her picture is ever published."

RETURNS



RITA HAYWORTH

Xylophonist Has Loveliest Stooze

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 10—Rita Hayworth, after 21 years, is stooging again for xylophonist Basil "Professor" Lambert.

Rita, when a tot of four, used to come on the stage, hand Lambert his mallets, make a pretty bow, then trip daintily behind the curtain as the crowd applauded.

Years passed, and Lambert, whose real name is Lambert, played the xylophone from circus bands to the Cleveland Symphony, while Miss Hayworth grew up to be a movie star.

Recently they met again, and Rita got Lambert his first movie role—a scene in which she vies with Lambert for applause. She does a slow semi-strip tease while he plays the xylophone like mad. Who wins? Are you kidding?

Ethel On Air

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—Another Barrymore is to become a regular broadcaster. Ethel has just signed a contract for a Sunday series, the first program of her own although she has broadcast as guest on various occasions.

Postwar Air Fare Of 4 Cents A Mile Juan Trippe's Aim

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—America's "Emperor of the Air," 45-year-old Juan Trippe, president and founder of Pan American Airways, has filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board an ambitious scheme of postwar air travel designed to bring all the world's capitals within reach of the citizen of average income.

The project, heretofore a closely guarded secret, proposes a fleet of world-girdling stratosphere liners which will reduce cost of travel to less than four cents per mile. Trippe declared his company already has placed orders for 108 liners which will speed through the stratosphere at more than 300 miles per hour.

The PAA president, who has been working on the plans for years, admitted he expects powerful competition, especially from companies under foreign flags.

The plan calls for reduction of flying time between New York and Rio de Janeiro from the present 66 hours to less than 20. It calls for reduction in rates, encouraging people of North and South America to visit the other continent, and provides for increased facilities to take care of the expected 500 percent increase in air travel.

Trippe said express planes with sleeper accommodations, similar to those of Pullman trains, will be instituted, and maintained that the new plan can take care of all traffic which before the war traveled by steamship or aircraft offering no sleeping accommodations.

If approved, he said, the plan will be put into operation as soon as the planes are delivered.

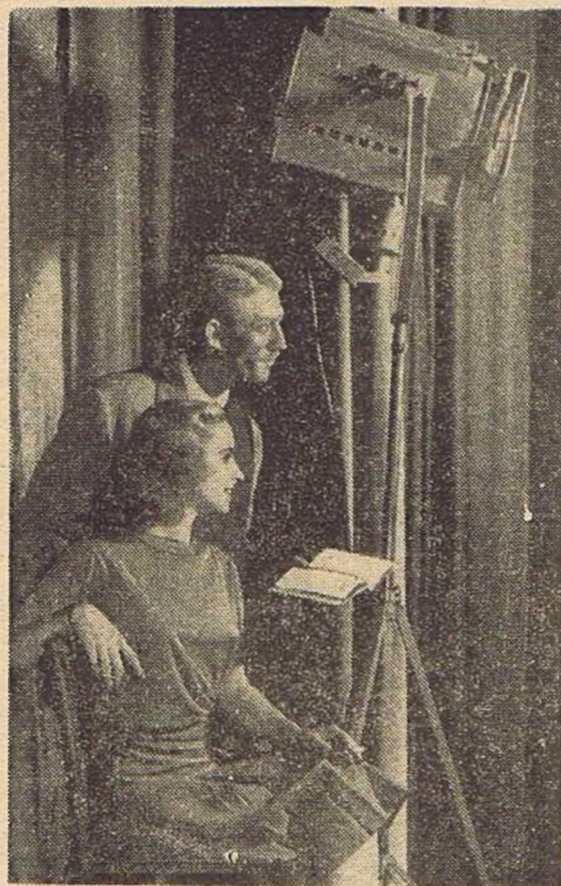
Irving Berlin's Show Nets 10 Million Bucks

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—The stage and film production of "This Is The Army" has earned ten million dollars for the Army emergency relief fund, Irving Berlin, just returned from Italy, reported today.

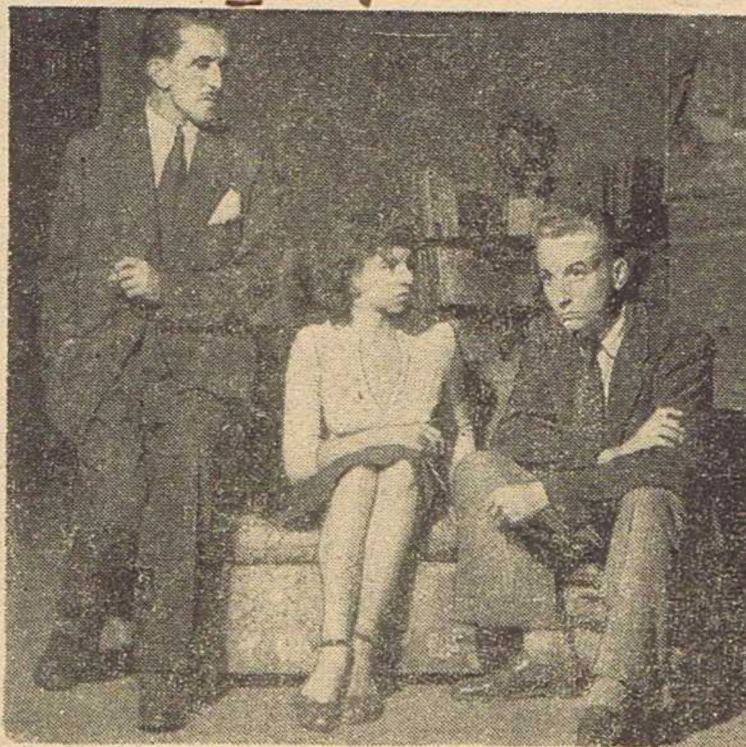
Berlin said his new song, dedicated to the infantry, "There Are No Wings On Foxholes" had been accepted by General George C. Marshall, adding that he would donate the proceeds to a fund for infantrymen.

Declaring he was tired from his four months' tour, the 56-year-old composer added, "I am not as tired as a lot of guys who are still over there."

Repertory Company Now Touring Italy



Virginia Robinson and Pfc. Fred Ullom follow the action of the play from the wings and watch for their entrance cue.



Brooke Fleming and Virginia Robinson, well-known Broadway actresses now with the USO, are touring the Mediterranean Theater in a GI-USO repertory company. ABOVE—T-4 Tom Conway, Miss Fleming and Sgt. Douglas Parkhurst rehearse a scene from Margin For Error, the Broadway comedy hit with an anti-Nazi theme that took audiences by storm. The company of players has toured many miles throughout this theater.

(Staff Photos by Sgt. Grayson Tewksbury)



Miss Robinson watches with a critical eye as Pvt. Alfred Hayes rehearses an intricate dance step called for in the script.

Connecticut's 4th To Choose Between Two Lovely Ladies

BRIDGEPORT, Aug. 10 — Voters of Connecticut's 4th Congressional District will have a choice of two comely members of the feminine sex when they go to the polls in November, Associated Press reported today.

Margaret E. Connors was chosen unanimously by the Democrats in the district to oppose Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, the Republican incumbent nominated by the GOP for a second term. In accepting designation, Mrs. Luce charged the Democratic party with "making much progress toward an American dictatorship."

This is the first all-woman major party congressional contest in the East since 1942 and one of the few in political history. Mrs. Luce, noted as an author, actress and playwright, and for her phrase-making in both Congress and public speeches, also is famed for her stylish dress.

Miss Connors, five feet, five inches tall, has blue eyes and dark hair. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and Yale Law School. At 25 she was Connecticut's Deputy Secretary of State, the first woman and youngest person ever to hold the job. While at Yale, Miss Connors, now 29, worked one vacation period in the New Haven office of the Department of Justice, earning mention on one occasion as "Connecticut's first G-woman."

Miss Connors, who likes single tailored frocks, is the daughter of James W. Connors, vice-president of a nationally-known men's clothing store chain.

She said yesterday, "The main issue is to see that the peace is won."

Fingerprints New Treason Evidence

DENVER, Aug. 10—Nearing the close of its case, the government today sought to prove that two of the three Japanese-American women being tried on treason charges left their fingerprints on maps allegedly given to the German prisoners of war they are accused of helping to escape.

Joe Gartside, Trinidad, Col., filling station operator, told the jury that one of the defendants, Mrs. Tsuruko "Toots" Wallace, obtained road maps from him explaining she planned to visit her husband's folks. The government alleges the sisters furnished these maps to the Germans when they drove them in a car from the prisoner of war camp at Trinidad to New Mexico last October.

Witnesses were finding it so difficult to pronounce the defendants' names that the court allowed them to be referred to simply as "Toots," "Billie" and "Flo." The other two defendants are Mrs. Billie Shitara Tanigoshi and Mrs. Florence "Flo" Shizue Otani.

The jury heard testimony yesterday about a 165-foot tunnel by which at least five Germans were said to have obtained their freedom from the Trinidad camp.

BUCKETS OF BLOOD PLASMA



Blood banks arriving in huge containers for Allied wounded in northern France are quickly loaded onto trucks after an American transport plane rushed them across the English Channel. (Photo through PWB)

AEF Moves Headquarters To Somewhere In France

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, has moved his headquarters from Great Britain to France, Reuter's reported the new HQ are situated in an orchard and near an airport.

A dispatch to Washington from Lausanne, Switzerland, reported that Nazis had shot 43 persons, razed 80 houses and left in ruins the French village of Bauges, in the Haute Savoie. Destruction of the village followed a clash between German troops and French patriots. This made the third village the Nazis have destroyed.

Alice de Lysia and other members of ENSA's second invasion contingent gave their first show Wednesday to forces in France. On her arrival, the French-born singer scooped up a handful of French soil, put it in the pocket of her ENSA uniform and said she would keep it there until the day she could stand beside the Arc de Triomphe and welcome Allied troops to Paris.

A rather shamefaced British Tommy was carried on a stretcher into a hospital in southern England. It wasn't until the nurse had made him comfortable that she learned from his tag what the soldier was there for—"bitten by a sow in Normandy."

Dogs are now being used, it was disclosed yesterday, to sniff out wooden German mines, and the method seems to work faster than mechanical means. The risk of in-

jury to the dog was reported to be negligible. The animals, trained to detect the smell of the mines, "freeze" when they discover them, much as bird dogs mark their prey.

There'll be no shortage of maps on the road to Berlin for the Allied forces now racing that way. The London Daily Mail reported that 120,000,000 of them have already been printed, with millions more rolling off the presses. The paper said the Royal Engineers in the last three years have made more maps of France than the French themselves ever made.

The Free Danish Press Service reported from Stockholm that a distinguished Danish brain surgeon, a Professor Busch, would operate on Marshal Erwin Rommel a second time. Dr. Busch is reported to have removed a shell splinter from the brain of the Desert Fox following his mishap in Normandy two weeks ago.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill made another flying visit to Normandy to receive from staff officers some first-hand information on the progress of the Allied offensive. It was his third visit to the French front since D-day.

The Associated Press reported that the city of Vannes at the base of the Brest peninsula, was cleared of Germans by French Forces of the Interior, who handed it over on Monday to the American armored columns when they arrived. The FEI had also taken in hundreds of German prisoners on the approach to Vannes and jailed local collaborators.

The men from Eastport, Me., who brag about the 18-foot tides in their part of the world, had better not boast in the presence of the people from St. Malo. The tides in this region are reported to rise 45 to 50 feet above low-water mark, owing to the influx of the Atlantic Ocean tide added to that of the English Channel.

Federal Agencies Act To End Motor Strikes

DETROIT, Aug. 10—Federal conciliation agencies and union officials moved tonight to end two major strikes which have made more than 10,000 war workers idle in the Detroit area. In one, more than 4,000 employees of five General Motors gear and axle plants renewed their 11-day strike after a back-to-work order of the regional War Labor Board had started operations temporarily.

In a dispute today at the Briggs Manufacturing Company's plant which makes ball turrets for Army aircraft the day shift of 2,200 and an afternoon shift of 1,100 walked out. Union officers urged the workers to return to their jobs. The dispute was over pay for precision work.

FDR Action Seen In Truck Strike

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—Operators and truckers in the Midwest today are expecting Presidential action to halt the rapidly spreading transportation strike raging "completely out of control" in eight states, halting over-the-road shipments of vital war materials, the United Press reported.

An estimated 50,000 drivers and freight handlers already have joined the walkout precipitated by failure of approximately 125 firms to grant a seven cent an hour wage increase approved by the War Labor Board.

A union spokesman said there was danger the strike would spread to 70,000 workers.

Elsewhere in the United States and Canada more than 12,000 war workers were on strike, making a total of 62,000 idle because of disputes. A labor spokesman pointed out that this total is less than one percent of the total labor in the United States.

The truck strike tied up road shipments of freight in Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and North and South Dakota.

Thomas F. Flynn, acting president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, said the union would welcome government seizure of the trucking lines.

GOP Picks Curran To Battle Wagner

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 — New York Republicans today chose Thomas J. Curran, Secretary of State, Manhattan party leader and friend of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, as their Senatorial nominee to try to oust the veteran Democratic Senator Robert F. Wagner, who was renominated at the Democratic state gathering.

Curran, like Wagner, is a New York City resident, and won the nomination as the man most likely to help Dewey carry New York State for the Presidency through cutting into President Roosevelt's traditional strength in the city.

In Arkansas, Rep. J. W. Fulbright, 39-year-old author of the House-approved "Lasting Peace" resolution, won the Democratic nomination for the Senate in a runoff primary with Gov. Homer M. Adkins.

Vermont Republicans chose Lt. Gov. Mortimer E. Proctor as their gubernatorial nominee. He will oppose Dr. Ernest H. Bailey, Democratic nominee.

Problem?

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Aug. 10 — Postwar planning isn't only the business of Congressmen these days. The Civic and Business Federation of White Plains met today to consider methods of controlling the enthusiasm of residents on the day Germany's defeat is announced.

Hatch Act Opinion Bans U. S. Workers From Campaigning

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—A ban, which will keep nearly 3,000,000 Federal jobholders out of the Presidential campaign, apparently has been nailed down by decisions upholding the constitutionality of the Hatch Act and government circles said today that the way has been cleared for action in some 300 cases in which United States employees are charged with political activity.

Meanwhile, the ruling rendered by one U. S. Circuit Court and two District Courts will be appealed to the Supreme Court by the United Federal Workers, a CIO union, which has opposed the Hatch Act. However, a ruling before election day is held unlikely by political observers.

CAUSE CELEBRE?

George P. Poole, an employee of the Philadelphia mint, is the man whose case may become cause celebre in the history of the fight on this issue. Poole was one of some 700 persons in the mint against whom complaints were received in connection with alleged political activity.

A joint Civil Service Commission-Treasury investigation showed enough evidence to warrant "letters and charges" against these employees. The evidence seemed to show that the mint workers had served as Democratic ward committeemen, as poll watchers and in other branches of electioneering.

In its petition to the court the union admitted that Poole had violated the Hatch Act; but it raised the claim of unconstitutionality based on the alleged conflict between the provision of the law barring Federal workers from taking "any active part in political management or in any political campaign" and the freedom of speech clause of the Constitution.

The court opinion, which apparently makes mandatory the dismissal of Poole from the Federal service, went back to the quotation by Thomas Jefferson in which the distinguished early American gave an opinion that certain restrictions are necessary on government employees; but that didn't abridge the right of any government worker to vote as a qualified citizen.

CIO CHARGE

The three-man court pointed out that "there has been a strong development toward safeguarding employees of the government against the insecurity attributable to political affiliation."

The CIO union had charged that the Hatch law was discriminatory because it exempted legislative employees and certain officials in the President's advisory council and policy making body. However, the court held that "It is perfectly obvious that these classes of employees are in very large measure political" and would change when the administration changes.

Special Car Insignia Suggested For Vets

BOSTON, Aug. 10 — House Speaker Rudolph King, who becomes Registrar of Motor Vehicles for Massachusetts next Wednesday, said today that he would consider issuing a distinctive insignia for motor cars of returning war veterans.

King said the idea of giving war heroes such insignia for their cars had been suggested to him after reading that the automobile of Lt. Joseph F. Kennedy, USNR, son of former Ambassador to England Joseph P. Kennedy, had been stolen while the naval officer was on leave. King believes such a special tag might induce auto thieves not to steal cars of veterans.

Hoover Silent On Part He'll Play In Campaign

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 10—Former President Herbert Hoover said here today, he had not "thought about politics since the national convention in Chicago," Associated Press reported.

Asked if he planned to participate actively in Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's campaign, Hoover said he would make no decision probably until September.

Church Services

CATHOLIC

GESU CHURCH, Gesu Square — Masses 0600 to 1200. Military mass at 0930 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass.

SANTA MARIA CHURCH, Via Santa Maria—Masses 0900 to 1200. Last mass at 1230 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass.

CHURCH OF ST. MARCELLO AL CORSO, Corso Umberto—Masses on the hour from 0600 to 1200 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, Via San Giovanni between the Colosseum and St. John's Lateran's — Masses 0600 to 1100. Military mass at 0900 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass.

ST. ALPHONSUS, Via Merulana near St. Mary Major—Masses 0515 to 1100. Military mass at 1000 hours. Confessions in English before and during mass.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, Via Boncompagni near Excelsior Hotel — Masses 0700 to 1200 hours. Military mass at 1000 hours. Confessions before and during mass, also Saturday at 1100, 1200, 1700 and 1900.

ST. ISIDORO, Via degli Certisti — Masses 0645 and 0900 hours. Military mass at 0900 hours. Confessions before and during mass.

SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI,

Piazza Esedra near railroad station — Military mass at 1000. Confessions from 0900 to 1000 hours Sunday morning.

PROTESTANT

AMERICAN METHODIST CHURCH, Via Firenze and Via Settembre — Services at 0900 hours, Sunday morning.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, Cor. Sicilia and Via Tuscano, near Excelsior Hotel—Services at 1430 Sunday.

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST GROUP holds Sunday service at 1030 in Apartment 10, Via Adda 87 near Piazza Buenos Aires.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Via Nazionale and Via Napoli—0800 Holy Communion; 1000 prayers and sermons; 1900 vesper services. Week-days (except Monday) 0900 Holy Communion.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Via Babuino — Church of England Sunday service; Holy Communion 0730, 0830, 1115 hours. Morning service 1045; Evensong 1830 hours.

JEWISH

AMERICAN MILITARY service, Synagogue at Lungotevere Cenit, 1830 Friday. U. S. Army chaplain conducting.

MILITARY SYNAGOGUE, Via Balbo off Via Nazionale, 1900 Friday, 0930 Saturday. British chaplain.

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MAIL CALL

Virginia Beach

Dear Editor:

My company and I have taken a great interest in the recent controversy in your paper about the hotels at Virginia Beach. We were stationed there for two years before we came overseas, and we know from sad experience just what a bunch of gouging, cheap chiselers there are for the most part at Virginia Beach and Norfolk.

Occasionally, wives, friends or family of men in our company would come down to spend a few days. Accommodations ran from six dollars a day to a nearer average of ten to twelve dollars per day—and you were supposed to feel damned lucky if anyone would take you in. Of course, the hotels and rooming houses claimed that their war was a seasonal business, and a twelve weeks' summer period had to make a year's profit. In prewar days, that was true, but there were enough servicemen in the Virginia Beach, Oceana, and Bird Neck Point area to keep the Beach hotels open all winter to care for the wives and families of the officers and men—with little or no abatement in price for the out season. It is true that a half dozen hotels in the Beach would not take soldiers.

We watched the price of beer rise to 15 cents for a six ounce glass; bottled beer to 60 cents per quart; shoe shines to 15 cents; the cheapest wines sold over the bar for one seventy-five, and up per half bottle with three percent alcohol per volume.

All right, it was a war time condition with consequent dislocations and the Hampton Roads area was taxed beyond all limits for recreational facilities. But, we all had passes and furloughs then to other states, and we could and did compare our stories, much to the discredit of the Norfolk area. There's a little bit more fuel for your fire. We're glad to be out of Norfolk, and we're glad to be out of Virginia Beach.

—1st Sgt. George B. Berezna

Capt. Reardon

Dear Editor:

Come, come, girls, we don't mind reading about an inside fight among recon men, but when you jostle us engineers in the process, you're tampering with the detonator while leaning on the firing mechanism.

If my memory serves me, you Joes were in the sack in Sabaudia when our kitchen tip-toed past you on that fateful morning and barreled up to Borgo Grappa to bring us chow. We had fixed up each blow along the way to get a jeep across. While this was being done, we went ahead on foot, on bicycles and in carts to the next blow, and so on. We had the whole of our "C" Company with us, motor pool and all. In fact, we served one of your officers the first hot meal he ever ate, in the Pontine Marshes.

We were all pitching rocks to make a bypass when Buckley and Savana strolled up the road to get fresh air and met the other engineers coming down from Anzio. It was as simple as that.

Seriously now, it grieves us no end to read a blast like that in Stars and Stripes. Shame on you, Lt. Gallagher! With your rank, you must have been the instigator of that dastardly letter. However, all is forgiven, and if Etienne, Blas-ing, Molnar, et al will stop their snivelling and come on over to see us, S-Sgts. Treloar, Russel, Malley, Salino, Restante and the rest of our boys will buy them a drink. We might even get Bill Munson to chip in, tight as he is. How about it, Graham?

Come to think of it, if we weren't ahead of you all the way, how the hell did you get those M-1s and jeeps over the holes?

—Capt. Mark Reardon, CE

Booked

Dear Editor:

Here is a suggestion that may stop the wearing of unearned or undeserved decorations by guys back home: a little book, similar to the paybook issued all GIs, decorated with the insignia of the regiment, division, and Army to which the soldier belongs, and signed by his company commander, should be issued to each GI with his first decoration.

Each time the soldier is awarded an additional decoration his company or regimental commander should sign the book, which the GI should have with him at all times or whenever he wears his decorations. This book then would be shown to any person challenging the validity of his ribbons and medals.

—Pvt. Miguel Garcia

When In Rome

Today

STAGE

"Spotlight," review featuring ENSA and local entertainers. From jazz to opera. Today through Sunday inclusive at 1830 hours; Argentina Theater, Largo Argentina. No tickets required.

Beginning today, 1000 to 1400 hours, "Just The Job," musical. Sala Umberto Theater, Via Delle Mercedes, 50, near Piazza Colonna. All seats 35 lire.

SCREEN

ARC Movie House: Barberini, Piazza Barberini, 1500, 1700, 1900 hours, "Hay Rookie," — Bob Haynes, Ann Miller. Officer's show 2030, Sunday. Admission free.

ENSA SuperCinema, Via Nazionale and Via Agostino Depretis. Noel Coward's "This Happy Breed." Continuous from 1200 hours. Last showing 2000 hours. Starting noon Sunday, "Buffalo Bill," with Joel McCrea. Admission free.

VARIETY

"Welcome," featuring Chiaretta Gelli, Italian film star, with supporting cast. 1630 hours. All seats 25 lire. Arena Esedra, behind NAAFI-EPI Canteen.

CONCERT

Orchestra, chorus, the Corps de Ballet of the Royal Opera House — featuring famous artists, Sun., 1800 hours. Tickets at Royal Opera box office, Sat. and Sun., 10-12, 2-4. Seats 25 to 200 lire.

OPERA

Royal Opera House, Via Viminale, Grand Opera Season. Saturday, August 12, "Aida." Tickets from 25 to 300 lire, obtainable at box office, open daily 0930 to 1800 hours.

SYMPHONY

Santa Cecilia Symphony Orch., 50-pieces; concert, Friday, 1800 hours. Theatre Adriano, Corso Cavour. Box office open 1000-1800. Seats 20 to 100 lire. Second concert Sunday, same time.

CLUBS

Visit the ARC EM Club, Cassino della Rose. Conducted tours at 0900 hours and 1400 hours plus daily activities. 1845—Rhythm Club Sextet.

ARC Officers' Club, Hotel Barberini, Piazza Barberini.

British Officers' Club, "Trocadero," Villa Medici.

Catholic Club for Allied forces; Via della Conciliazione. Tours of Vatican and Rome daily.

Jewish Soldiers' Club, 37, Piazza Poli, Via del Tritone.

Polish Club, open 1300 to 2100 hours, 235 Via Panisperna.

RESTAURANTS

GI Restaurants open 1130-1430, 1800-2030 hours:

Ristorante Roma, 38 Piazza Poli.

Ristorante Amedeo, 17-19 Via Fabio Massimo.

Restaurant for American Officers, Nurses and uniformed guests; open 7 Via Parma.

Ristorante San Carlo, 120 Corso Umberto.

Air Forces Rest Camp Restaurant—Largo Theater Vale, 1100 to 1830 hours.

EXHIBITS

Polish Exhibit. Customs, History, Art and Army. Popolo di Roma.



ROME — Many Italians have risked their necks to save Allied flyers or prisoners loose behind Nazi lines.

But their examples have been seized upon by other Italians and so overworked that now the 'Case of the Rescued Flyer' is getting out of hand. So are the stories beginning 'I sheltered a Jew'; 'I joined the underground'; and 'I had to hide from the Nazis.'

"If all the rescue stories were true," say AMG officers, "half the British and American armies and the greater part of the U. S. and Royal Air Forces have been hidden by Italians at one time or another."

The people, who are diluting their countrymen's bravery, have their reasons. Some were active Fascists and want to cover up. Others were not active Fascists but are afraid they will be mistaken for them. Still others have axes to grind. They wish to get or keep jobs or to gain commercially by playing on Allied sentimentality.

Spin Tales . . .

One Italian couple carried a wounded flier 330 miles from Perugia in Tuscany to Naples. Less heroic, but equally genuine cases have also been recognized and rewarded.

But many 'rescuers' spin tales of rescuing uninjured paratroopers who have other work to do than barging into a farmhouse for succor. Ordinarily, only pilots who have bailed out of a crippled plane and escaping prisoners will do that.

Other Italians strain the international angle. Their lists of rescued airmen include names of five or six nationalities—too slick a catch—all for the sympathies of whatever Allied soldier the storyteller may run into.

Many Jews were harbored by Italians in Rome, Naples and other cities during the Nazi occupation. In Rome, for instance, a 60-year-old Catholic hid the chief rabbi of Rome for months in a room next to one in which he kept grenades and bullets for use against the hated Nazis. There was a price of 300,000 lire on the rabbi's head. One of the patriot's sons was killed in the notorious Massacre of the Caves outside Rome. Another is serving with the 5th Army. He himself was jailed five times for anti-Fascist and anti-Nazi activity.

Many Italians who find it easy to say, "I sheltered a Jew," have adulterated such heroism.

Joining the underground is another coat of armor which is getting threadbare.

Four days before the Allies entered Naples, several hundred patriots united, issued membership cards and openly assailed the Nazis. At first the cards were scarce, then a mercenary-minded Italian had scores of them printed up at 200 lire a card.

With or without cards, this false joining of patriot bands is still going on and the real patriots suffer because of it. A patriot, for instance, like the 16-year-old boy whose parents were murdered by the Nazis and who has been wounded three times in guerrilla fighting.

Worn Plea . . .

Practically worn to nothing by now is the plea, "I had to hide from the Nazis." Keeping off the streets was a practical way to avoid the arbitrary arrests carried out now and then by the Nazis. It was not necessarily an active display of anti-Fascism or anti-Nazism.

In many instances the white-washers have nothing at all to whitewash. Some just want to import wine and insist upon using a 'grand opera' technique, including airman-rescuing, Jew - sheltering and all. In a land where for so many years truth - telling was aborted, man-to-man talks are tough to promote.

Only the Italians who were active Fascists can be excused their lies—for it is their last forlorn hope. Only one man in thousands has flatly told an AMG man that he was an out-and-out Fascist. Mussolini had corrupted a 'good thing.'

At least he was honest. Last week, AMG received a long letter from a prominent Italian builder, recounting his anti-Fascist activity during the war. An attached photo showed the man escorting Musso around a factory in 1942.

—Sgt. Ray Reynolds

DIGEST OF DEATH

Jap Civilians On Saipan Committed Mass Suicide

(Editor's Note: the following is a digest of one of the most amazing stories of the war—Time Magazine's Robert Sherrod's account of the mass civilian suicides on Saipan Island following the U. S. Marines' triumph there. The entire story appears in Time for Aug. 7.)

"We had begun to hear a fantastic story that some of the 20,000 civilians on the island (of whom we had interned 10,000) were killing themselves. I headed for the northern tip of Saipan, a place called Marpi Point, where there is a long plateau on which the Japs had built a secondary airfield. At the edge of the plateau there is a sheer 200-foot drop to jagged coral below; then the billowing sea . . . I asked one of the Marines about the stories I had heard.

"You wouldn't believe it unless you saw it," he said. "Yesterday and the day before there were hundreds of Jap civilians—men, women and children—up here on this cliff. In the most routine way, they would jump off the cliff, or climb down and wade into the sea. I saw a father throw his three children off then jump down himself. Those coral pockets down there under the cliff are full of Jap suicides."

JAP DIES HARD

He paused and pointed. "Look," he said, "there's one getting ready to drown himself now." Down below, a young Japanese not more than 15, paced back and forth across the rocks. He swung his arms, as if getting ready to dive; then he sat down at the edge and let the water play over his feet. Finally he eased himself slowly into the water.

"There he goes," the Marine shouted.

A strong wave had washed up to the shore, and the boy floated out with it. At first, he lay on the water, face down, without moving. Then, apparently a last, desperate instinct to live gripped him and he flailed his arms, thrashing the foam.

Puplent Poets

Joe Jones, 1944

Joe Jones lies sleeping
In this bed;
A flag stretching
From his feet to head.

(Or I should say . . .
What was his head.)

A speech was made.
To toll his deeds.
The lands he won,
The people freed.

(Poor Joe couldn't hear
Down through the weeds.)

A hole in his middle,
The size of a dime;
Not much was left
Of what was behind.

(Joseph Jones was born
In tremulous times.)

The speaker said:
"He lost his life
Forsook the comforts
Of home and wife."

(Mr. Speaker, that must have hurt
Where he wore his tie!)

"So . . . buy more bonds!
And keep them flying!
Stop . . . this nonsensical
Whimpering and crying . . ."

(Joe can sleep still,
He's done his dying.)

—Lt. Brooks Shepard

Duration Plus

"Duration plus six months,"
That is a cautious way
Of measuring time.

Like a year and day,
So dear to fairy tales,
And annals of crime.
When someone bargains for
Eternity, he'll say,
With shrewdness sublime,
"Forever and a day."

—Cpl. R. W. Lovett

No Specialists

The thing that baffles me in Italy
Is not the rain nor heat
But countless "cabinettos"
Without a single seat.

—Cpl. Anthony Carlin

In A Slit Trench

You sit there in a quiet loneliness
Never knowing
What tomorrow will bring.
You sit there through the long
hours
And sometimes you pray
That dawn will come fast and soon.
You sit there with keen ears atune
To each sound
On high and on the ground.
You sit there and often wonder
If it's all a dream
And that you'll awake in your own
bed.

You sit there and it becomes real
And you pray again
That soon will come peace
And surcease
From the long, lonely hours
Of watchfulness and waiting.

—Pvt. John M. Oliver

The Protestant Cemetery Rome

" . . . whose name is writ in water."
—Shelley

Amidst a city stranger than thy
know
They rest, upon a green and peaceful
hill.

With passing years, the trees and
gravestones grew

In ordered rows, until they needs
must fill

The hallowed spot, a choice and
motley crew.

Here those whose love of home
death could not kill.

The old, the exiled, children, young
folks, too;

Here artists, sculptors, men of
varied skill,

From East and West, of every creed
and hue,

Lie buried. Always Keats and Shelley
will

Draw generations of admirers anew,
To linger near the other graves, for
still

We feel a special care for those
who lie
Away from home, beneath an alien
sky.

—Cpl. R. W. Lovett

STARDUST IN YOUR EYES



Rita Daigle, engaged to an Air Force lieutenant, has been adjudged the "prettiest sweetheart of a serviceman" in the annual Miss Stardust contest. We are not inclined to give the judges any argument whatsoever. (Acme Photo)

Miss Stardust Advises: Be Faithful, Of Course

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 — Rita Daigle, who won the second annual Miss Stardust contest—meaning she's the prettiest sweetheart of a soldier—said in a pre-interview press release that she would marry her sweetheart, Lt. Emile Bouchard with the Army Air Forces in England when he gets a furlough. Miss Daigle is 19.

"I hadn't quite made up my mind about marrying Emile despite his letters," she said, "but since winning the contest and remembering that I was selected as a representative of all the sweethearts of servicemen, I knew then that I would marry Emile and I knew I'd have to let him know as soon as possible. I've always felt a little too young to marry, that is until I won the Miss Stardust contest."

The charming youngster admitted that these six hints might help other servicemen's sweethearts. It isn't necessary to remain dateless.

It isn't necessary to remain kissless. Write daily to your boy friend but don't tell him about your dates. Remain faithful, of course.

Sweethearts of servicemen should fill their time with something that will divert the mind, such as doing canteen work, etc.

Don't spend too much time with other girls—"you start feeling sorry for each other."

Discussing her points Miss Stardust stated: "A girl who stays home and mopes for her sweetheart becomes ill tempered, grouchy and loses confidence in herself. Kissing's a natural function; if not used

one's emotions become unstable. But there are all kinds of kisses and your fill-in-date should be kissed in a sisterly fashion.

"Don't kiss your fill-in-date in the apartment, a kiss in the hall with the door open and ready to be slammed shut, will avoid embarrassing situations... when you dance, dance a fair distance away."

Miss Stardust believes that a serviceman's sweetheart should fill in her time with something like work, reading or singing lessons. She feels that one should write at least once a day, more if possible.

Miss Stardust is 5 feet 6 inches, weight 108, has a 33 bust, 23 waist, 33 hips, 12 calves, 8 ankles.

Lewis Orders 4,000 To Return To Mines

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Aug. 10—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, ordered 4,000 striking miners of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company to return to their jobs at once after six weeks of idleness, saying their walkout was "a flagrant violation" of the union's word.

"This strike has gone far enough," he said. "This action is robbing the nation's war effort of vitally needed coal, and at the same time it is a flagrant violation of the signed word of officers of your organization who represented you in the negotiation of the contract."

Pre-Fascist Italy Leader Now Lives In Brooklyn Exile

By Sgt. JACK FOISIE
Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK — It is nearly 20 years since Fascist threats on his life forced Don Luigi Sturzo to flee Italy and take up the life of a political exile. Now, at 72, he lives quietly in the Brooklyn home of friends from his native Caltagirone in Sicily, while he awaits word from his doctor that he is well enough to travel back to his native land.

One of the leading political figures of pre-Fascist Italy, Don Sturzo founded in 1919 the Popular (Catholic) Party, which almost at once assumed the balance of power in the Italian Parliament. Pressure from Mussolini led to a disagreement within the party and after resigning as general secretary of the Populars in 1923 Don Sturzo left Italy in 1924. Two years later the party was officially dissolved by the Fascists.

Even in exile he was not forgotten and in 1932 his decorations were revoked by Mussolini.

Now, as he patiently awaits his strength awaiting the time of his return, he keeps carefully abreast of events in Italy.

His room is on the second floor of a large private house in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. One part is used as a bedroom, while the other half serves as a combination library and study.

His face, at first meeting, is kindly. But when he begins to talk of the needs of Italian people the face becomes intensely serious.

He lived in London, Paris and Lausanne, coming to America after three months in the bombing of London in 1940.

"I was ill and could not go to the shelters," he said in good English with a soft Italian accent. "Then seven times bombs landed in my house and garden. The police told everyone to leave and I left and never went back to the house."

Now he is mainly worried about the inflation in his homeland. "The price of a suit of clothes now is 15,000 lire," he said, "and nobody gets 15,000 lire in a month, or even two months, for working."

His party, now reconstructed as the Christian Democratic party, currently is led by Dr. Alcide De Gasperi, former head of the parliamentary group of the Popular party.

High School Education For All Is Predicted

DENVER, Col.—High school education for every boy and girl in the United States is predicted by George L. Maxwell, now dean of administration at the University of Denver.

In the postwar period, this education will be both liberal and vocational, the educator declared. Moreover, eventually, he believes, the system of free public education will be extended upward to junior colleges, institutes of applied arts and sciences and opportunity schools.

In tomorrow's high schools, tens of thousands of ineffective school districts will be abolished by consolidation into strong units and many state school finance systems will be reconstructed so that the wealth of each state may be used equitably to serve all its youth, the Colorado educator predicted.

FBI Nabs Conspirators Dealing In 'Hot' Nylon

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 10—Three men were arrested here today by New Jersey FBI Chief Samuel K. McKee on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government. The FBI alleged that they diverted nylon for the making of women's stockings instead of army parachutes.

McKee said the nylon, badly needed by the government, "was made into women's hose and sold at black market prices." Enough nylon to make 12,000 pairs of nylon hose had been diverted, the FBI chief stated, and government agents recovered 30,000 dollars worth of thread and unfinished hosiery.

Two of the men arrested were identified as Stephen F. Schmidt, Clifton, N. J., and Walter L. Schautz, Scranton.

It Happened At Home

IN NEW YORK, the old-timers who've driven romantic couples around Central Park in horse-drawn cabs since the Gay Nineties staged a strike with dignity in protest against price control. The cabbies say they can't make a living by charging only 1.50 dollars for the first half-hour and 50 cents for every half-hour thereafter.

Police say the 50-year-old price control ordinance was dug up to halt chiselers who were charging as much as 20 bucks an hour. The chiselers were described as former taxi drivers who turned to Dobbin because of the gas shortage. The septuagenarians say they're being ruined and are refusing to lead Dobbin out of his stable.

Spurning the glamor gals of Hollywood, the boys of the assembly and repair department at Moffett Field, Calif., have chosen Betty Poling, an Akron lass, as their pinup girl. Betty, a secretary for the Army Air Forces, sings in an aircraft plant orchestra and also acts as hostess in the Akron USO.

In Philly, the transportation strike wasn't the only one in the news. Fifty wives and their children dropped the day's chores, brought out chairs from their homes and sat down, forming a blockade across Deyeraux Avenue. They blocked a fleet of heavy trucks carrying excavated dirt from a new paving job and producing such a dust storm that neighborhood residents had to stay behind closed doors and windows.

The truckdrivers demanded passage. The women sat. The drivers called their boss. The women continued to sit. Police came and failed. Finally, the sitters agreed to go home on condition the contractor drench the street daily with water to keep down the dust. Thus ended the Deyeraux Avenue road-block.

Make Way For The Stars . . .

Bing Crosby started something by going into the movie-making field on his own. He's making "The Great John L." as producer and general boss. Gary Cooper is soloing his first with "The American Cowboy." Now Mickey Rooney, Don Ameche and Kay Francis say they'll be independent producers.

The wax museum at Coney Island has a newcomer, Frank Sinatra, but Madame Tussaud has made no promises as yet . . . The New York City Artists and Sculptors Institute has named Lana Turner, Jane Russell, Rita Hayworth and Sylvia Sydney as the "four most exciting women in the history of motion pictures." Not everybody will agree . . . Gene Krupa will make a ten-minute educational short on "Tympani" for college and school

use . . . Radio fans are bracing themselves for a heavy dose of transcribed one-minute political speeches . . . When Sardi's restaurant in New York closed recently for two weeks, the hat check girl found 11 play manuscripts in her cupboards, left there by hopeful writers through the years. Some of the authors are dead—others are scattered around the world . . . Mail order houses are sponsoring a series of television fashion shows in the near future.

The moviemakers are all making biographical pictures these days. Warner Brothers is on "The Life of Will Rogers," "The Life of Marilyn Miller" and the story of songwriter Cole Porter. Twentieth Century, having finished "Wilson," will begin one on Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker. Other biogs in prospect are about Al Jolson, the Dolly Sisters and Victor Hugo.

Ration Bored — Penny Wise

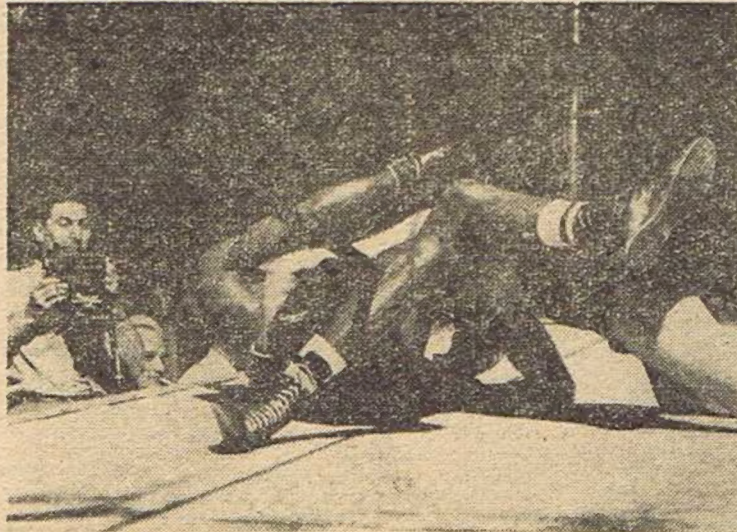
It's no use, Edwin Northrup, Wakefield, R. I., told the rationing board which had allotted him only one and a half tires instead of the two he had requested. No dealer would sell him half a tire, and, even if they had, his car wasn't built that way . . . A grim-faced farmer appeared at a Ponca City, Okla., hardware store for his ration of shotgun ammunition. On the OPA form which asked for what purpose the ammunition was needed, he wrote: "To kill people out of my watermelon patch" . . . Mrs. Thomas E. Dewey, wife of the GOP Presidential nominee, and Mrs. John W. Bricker, wife of the Vice Presidential nominee, are a-visitin' . . . Pfc. Arthur B. Wilson, a Marine from Camp Pendleton, Calif., was standing outside the women's powder room at the Hollywood USO, minding his own business, when the powder room door opened and a bomb was tossed at his feet. Wilson put his foot on it and suffered multiple fractures of the leg when it exploded. Someone had thrown a small practice bomb with a five-second fuse into the powder room—and the yelling girls had thrown it out . . . In Washington, D. C., police found 18-year-old Don Kramer bleeding from an arm cut and muttering, "It was worth it." In 48 hours his car had 15 flats. At the 16th, he'd up and smacked it on the windshield. Nine stitches were taken—Kramer is a tire vulcanizer by trade . . . A little boy was separated from his folks at a Fresno, Calif., victory garden festival. A bystander tried to comfort the kid by offering him a penny. The kid took it, but murmured, "This won't buy much these days." . . . More kid stuff: a prominent maker of toy soldiers has received 1,206 letters in the past month from little boys who want Wacs, Waves and Women Marines to accompany their armies . . . In Chicago, Archie Solomon tried suicide. In the bathroom he made himself a comfortable bed and laid himself down with a .22 rifle pointed at his heart. A string from the rifle trigger extended over the towel rack and suspended a teakettle into which water dripped from a faucet. When the kettle was almost full, the weight of the water pulled the trigger and the gun went off. But Solomon had rolled over in his sleep and was just pinked in the back.



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Bernie Schwartz of Brooklyn, charged with evading the draft explained that he was a bum and was afraid of demoralizing the Army . . . Educational Note: fifteen sets of the Harvard Classics were found in the possession of a vagrant woman in woods near Belmont, N. Y. She had used them for kindling.

Belly Bruise - - - Belly Roll - - - Belly Strain



Johnny Dickshot points to the bruise left by one of Al Smith's fast balls in a recent Chicago-Cleveland game; Ty Cobb swings mightily in ceremonies before a Pacific Coast League title, and in the middle Ike Williams and Julie Kogan apparently pose for the photographer. Ike won finally in ten rounds.

LEND ME YOUR EARS

BY JIM BURCHARD

NAPLES, Aug. 10—Connie Smythe is flat on his back somewhere in England. It's a safe bet that a heavy anchor and a couple of husky nurses are necessary to keep him in a prone position.

Word comes from London that the little man with the big stuff was kayoed in France. He was boss of Canadian anti-aircraft troops guarding French bridges. A bomb dropped from a Kraut airplane felled him with severe wounds.

The name of Smythe is synonymous with blazing, dynamic action in Canada and the United States. The good Lord never created a little man with more energy and a greater willingness to expend it. He ran hockey teams and horses, and looked after a couple of business endeavors on the side. No more colorful figure ever hit the headlines.

Escape To War

He had a terrific temper. When he decides to do something, it almost takes an army to stop him. One army actually couldn't stop him 27 years ago. Wounded and captured when fighting with the Canadian troops in World War I, Smythe dug himself out of the German prison camp and escaped. Then he resumed fighting.

Sure, he was too old to be shooting at airplanes in World War II. But knowing Smythe, it's easy to understand. He joined up the first day. Then, laughing at his 50-odd years, he wheedled, coaxed and cajoled Canadian Army officials until they actually believed he was as tough as he said. They shipped him over with their blessings.

Smythe, naturally, sneered at an armchair job. So he went to France for the second time, thirsting for action. His men adored him. He's always been a great leader as his record in the realm of sport attests.

Fightingest Club

Take big-league hockey, for instance.

Smythe's Toronto Maple Leafs were always one of the most consistent box-office attractions and fightingest clubs in the National League. They didn't win the Stanley Cup too often, but they certainly put on a great show. Smythe was principally responsible.

When he felt the personal touch was needed a bit more, Smythe never failed to oblige.

He earned the nickname of "Little Eva" because he was always running across the ice to berate some miserable referee. How he kept his feet doing a full sprint on the frozen surface flabbergasted many great minds. Examination never showed any spikes on his patent leathers.

Yes, there must be plenty of ruction in that English hospital where they're trying to keep Little Dynamite in a recumbent position.

Browns Head East On Pennant Chase

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—Amazement at their high estate had given away to confidence and determination as the Browns embarked on a 22-game eastern swing with a six and a half game lead yesterday.

As every pennant race takes on definite indications of who will win, the figure filberts sooner or later get around to the if department and this is just as good a time as any to start. The Browns who have never won a pennant stand a fine chance to snag the bunting if they can just hold a .500 pace for the remainder of the season. The Red Sox would have to play at a .627 pace to catch them and that's 93 points better than they've been playing. The third-place Yanks would have to step their pace up 102 points or win 34 of their remaining 52 games to break even with the even-splitting Brownie club.

The Browns picked up their present lead by winning 14 of 19 games at home, including their last eight straight. They still have 23 games to play in St. Louis, including a consecutive series with the Yankees and Red Sox to wind up the season.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 — In the only major league game played Tuesday, the Giants beat Pittsburgh, 8-4, and strengthened their slim hold on fourth place in the National League. They routed the Pirates' Max Butcher in the second inning with two runs after they'd picked up two in the first, when Ducky Medwick tripled with one aboard and scored on a wild pitch.

The payoff came in the sixth when the Giants scored three more times. Bill Voiselle went the route for his 14th victory and Butcher was charged with the loss.

Comparative Times Favor 5th Army Zone Swimmers

U. S. ARMY REST CENTER, Aug. 10—Fifth Army zone swim stars completely outclass the PBS natators, a checkup of comparative times reveals. Only in the 200-meter breast stroke where PBS's Max Boyarsky turned in a fast 3:21.1 and in the 300-meter medley relay where PBS's team of Capt. Charles Pankow, Boyarsky and Fred Cogswell turned in a 4:01.2 clocking, do the 5th Army boys fail to outclass their PBS rivals. To date, no other comparative times from the remaining eight zones entered in the Allied Swim Championships Aug. 19 and 20 have been received.

Here are the comparative times:

	5th Army	PBS Army
100-meter free style	1:10.1	1:04.2
100-meter backstroke	1:23.2	1:20.4
200-meter free style	2:48.6	2:40.2
200-meter breast stroke	3:21.1	3:35.1
300-meter medley	4:55	4:52.2
400-meter free style	6:01.1	5:38.1
800-meter free style	12:58.6	12:39
1,500-meter free style	24:14	23:59
300-meter medley relay	4:01.2	4:18.1

Seals Pitches Two Shutouts In Single Day

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 10—Tom Seats, ham-fisted southpaw of the San Francisco Seals, pitched himself into the Coast League Hall of Fame Sunday by shutting the Sacramento Solons out on both games of a double-header. Unable to break away from his San Francisco shipyard job during the week, Seats phoned manager Lefty O'Doul and requested permission to pitch both Sunday games.

Seats set the Solons down with five hits in the first game and three in the seven-inning nightcap by scores of 6-0 and 3-0. He retired the Solons in order on nine occasions during the double-header and his feat was the first double-shutout in the league's history, according to statistician Leo Moriarty. It marked Seats' fifth shutout in his last six starts.

Rollie Hemsley Ordered To Report For Induction

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 — Rollie Hemsley, the Yankees' first-string catcher, has been ordered to report for induction Aug. 18. He was to have reported last Monday, but his papers failed to arrive here from Vienna, Mo., and it was thought he would be with the club another month. Hemsley is married and the father of two children.

Here's The Payoff

Q. I say Joe McCarthy has won more league flags, my pal says Miller Huggins. Who is correct?

—T-5 J. W.

A. Joe McCarthy has won eight, Huggins six. In the World Series, McCarthy's teams have won seven while losing one. Huggins' teams split their World Series contests three and three.

Q. 1. Can a heavyweight championship bout end in a draw? 2. Did Mickey Walker ever fight Primo Carnera for the title and what was the outcome? 3. Did Tommy Loughran ever fight Carnera and how did it wind up?

—Pfc. Larry Quinn

A. 1. No. 2. No. 3. Carnera successfully defended his title against Loughran in 15 rounds March 1, 1943, in Miami, Fla.

Q. Did Jimmy Foxx and Lou Gehrig ever receive the Most Valuable Player Award three times?

—Sgt. G. L.

A. Only Jimmy Foxx.

Q. Is Oklahoma A. and M. in the Big Six?

—Pvt. H. O.

A. No. The Big Six Conference is composed of Missouri, Kansas,

Twilight Tear Loses In Alabama Stakes

Vienna Springs Biggest Racing Upset; Tear Withdrawn From Travers

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—William Woodward's three-year-old filly, Vienna, sprang the biggest racing surprise in many years at Belmont Park Tuesday when she caught the 1-20 shot Twilight Tear in the stretch and beat the great Calumet filly by three-quarters of a length in the mile and a quarter Alabama stakes.

The winner paid 18.20. There was no place or show betting.

Twilight Tear who won her last 11 races carried the heaviest impost of her career, 126 pounds, Vienna's stablemate, Thread o' Gold, led Tear a merry chase in the early going and at the half-mile they were neck and neck, six lengths ahead of the Brookmeade Stables' Dear Me and ten lengths ahead of Vienna in the four-horse field. They ran the first half in 47.1, a very sprightly pace for a route event.

At the mile, Vienna was still last by five lengths with the others bunched and Twilight Tear leading slightly. Jimmy Stout applied the whip to Vienna at the turn and she forged ahead by a half-length. Tear challenged briefly in the stretch but plainly didn't have it in the last sixteenth.

Buddy Haas who rode Twilight Tear said, "She just didn't respond in the stretch."

Vienna, carrying under 114 pounds, did the mile and a quarter in 2:03.6.

It was the first victory of the year for the daughter of Menow and Valse and was Twilight Tear's first defeat against her age and sex group. She was beaten in her first race of the year at Hialeah by older horses.

Twilight Tear's performance caused her withdrawal from the Travers Stakes Saturday. It was announced immediately after the race that she would be shipped back to Chicago.

Thread o' Gold who set the pace for her stablemate's victory was third and Dear Me last.

Lowly Dodgers Triumph Where Other Clubs Fail

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Aug. 10—The Bluejackets lost their first game to major league opposition yesterday, when the lowly Dodgers stopped off at the Naval Training Station and beat them, 7-4, before 12,000 recruits.

Brooklyn came from behind in the seventh inning with a three-run blast to overcome a 3-2 deficit. With two out, Goodie Rosen, Howie Schultz and Paul Waner singled to fill the bases and Frenchie Bordagaray chased them all home with a triple.

Back To Jersey

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—Bob Barthelson, 19-year-old righthanded pitcher has been returned by the Giants to their Jersey City farm team.

STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	72	27	.727
Cincinnati	55	43	.561
Pittsburgh	52	45	.536
New York	50	52	.490
Chicago	46	49	.484
Boston	41	58	.414
Philadelphia	38	58	.396
Brooklyn	40	62	.392

Tuesday's Scores
New York 8, Pittsburgh 4.
Other games not scheduled.

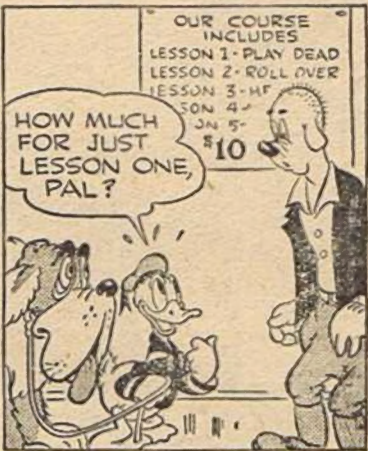
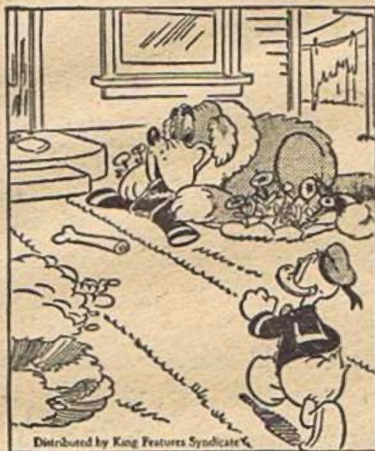
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	62	42	.596
Boston	55	48	.534
New York	53	48	.525
Detroit	52	50	.510
Chicago	50	53	.485
Cleveland	51	55	.481
Philadelphia	47	59	.443
Washington	44	59	.427

Tuesday's Scores
No games scheduled.

DONALD DUCK

(Courtesy of King Features)

By WALT DISNEY



Lost and Found

The following articles have been turned in to Lost and Found:
Pay book for John H. Hughes.
Dog tag bearing name of Floyd Hensley.

African type wallet belonging to H. J. Harmsen.
Dog tag for Clarence A. Jeffery.
Papers and identification cards for Albert R. Knapp.
Silver bracelet engraved "E. J. Lester."

Money order payable to John J. Kunert, from the U. S. Treasury.

UNDELIVERED LETTERS

Lost and Found is holding the following letters:

Pvt. Alex Gershel, Cpl. Casimer Grodzicki, Gordon Grant, W.C. Lt. Warren P. Hoover, Jr., Sgt. Alex J. Hilton, Pvt. G. A. Heriz, Lt. (jg) Drayton Heard, Lt. H. N. Hartman, S-Sgt. William R. Ivey, AC, M-Sgt. John A. Jackson, Pvt. Edward J. Kingsley, Pvt. Robert S. Kennedy, Lt. Col. W. A. Lowell, Sgt. P. Leach, H. Landsrow, Br. Engrs.

Pfc. John H. Miller, Cpl. D. L. Shawe, Lt. Agnes Alkine, ANC, and Mr. Stanley Anderson, ARC.

LOST

Wallet containing 25 dollars, photos and other papers. Leonard Durecher. Retina camera, 35 mm. Left in carriage number 288, horsedrawn, about 1400 hours Wednesday. Lt. Dave Camerer.

Portfolio, leather pocket type, containing photographs of wife and son. Additional photo of son as an Air Cadet. Maj. E. N. Holmgren.

On Rome bypass, one barracks bag, containing camera, photographs, souvenirs and personal belongings. T-Sgt. W. Young.

Still unclaimed is a box of toilet articles and a heavy wool sweater labeled "Coomer." Same may be had by writing or calling The Stars and Stripes, Lost and Found.—J. W.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

(The name of the person being paged is printed in capitals.)

Capt. Wade W. Woehler, S-Sgt. JOHN BOSMAN; Pfc. William C. Erhardt, Pfc. BILL JOE ERHARDT; Cpl. Dorance W. Parson, Cpl. GER-ALD KOHN; Pvt. Bernie Swiney, Sgt. WILLIAM A. MONTGOMERY; Nell and Irene Sorrenton, Capt. Dr. ALEXANDER LORE; Pvt. Anthony J. Odienia, Pvt. JAMES STELLA.

RADIO PROGRAM

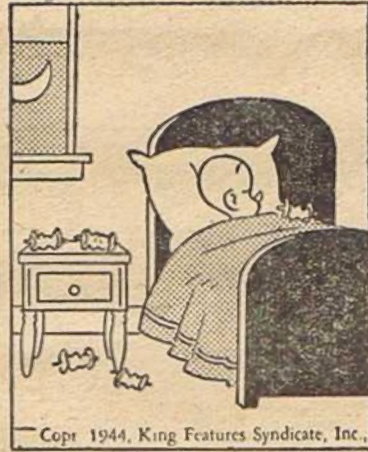
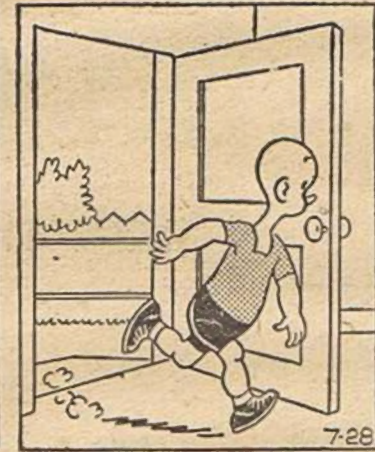
5TH ARMY MOBILE A. E. S.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH

6:00—Reveille Revels
6:30—News (BBC)
6:45—Reveille Revels
8:00—News (BBC)
8:15—Sign Off
10:00—Sound Off
10:15—Bulletin Board of the Air
10:30—Tune Tonic
11:00—Yank Swing Session
11:30—Melody Round Up
11:45—Junior's Jive Session
PM
12:00—News Highlights
12:15—Personal Album
12:30—Music by Kostelanetz
1:00—News (BBC)
1:15—G. I. Jive
1:30—Platter Chatter
2:00—Music of the Masters
2:30—The Juke Box
3:00—News (BBC)
3:15—5th Army Strollers
3:30—Gay 90's Review
4:00—Radio News Reel (BBC)
4:15—Al and Lee Reiser at the Piano
4:30—News (CBS)
4:45—Songs by Frank Sinatra
5:00—The Rhythm Club
5:30—The Great Gildersleeve
6:00—World News (AFRS)
6:15—Evening Prayer
6:16—Fred Waring Orch.
6:30—Harry James Orch.
6:45—This Is Your War
7:00—Tommy Dorsey Orch.
7:30—Kate Smith Show
8:00—Ole' Oaken Bucket
9:00—News Highlights
9:05—Suspense
9:30—Spotlight Bands
9:45—News
10:00—Xavier Cugat
10:30—One Nite Stand
11:00—News
11:15—Musical Tour
11:55—News
12:00—Sign Off

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THE FLOP FAMILY

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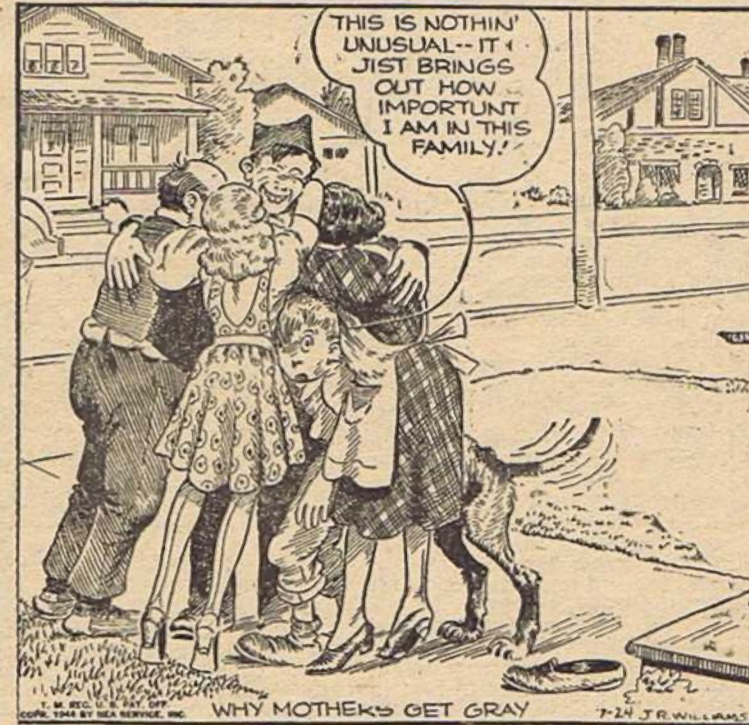
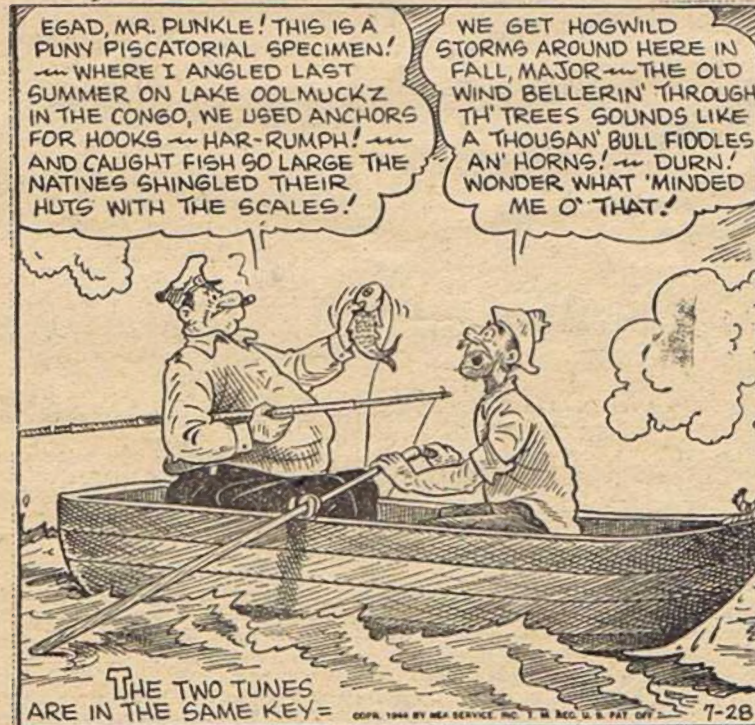
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MAJOR HOOPLE

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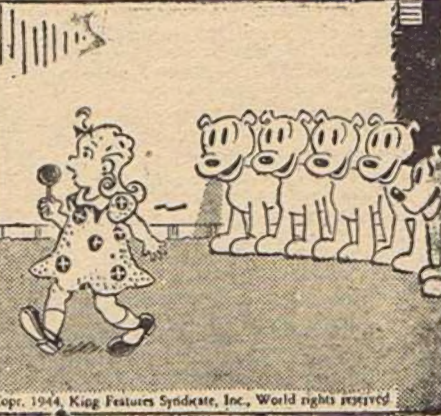
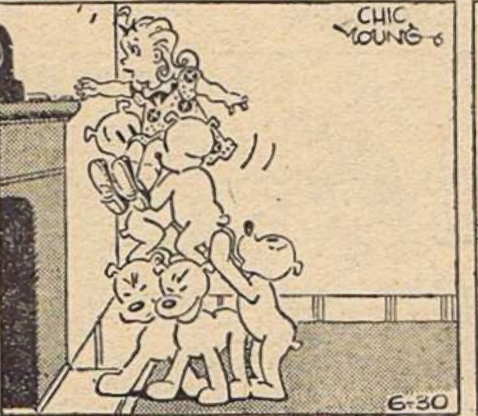
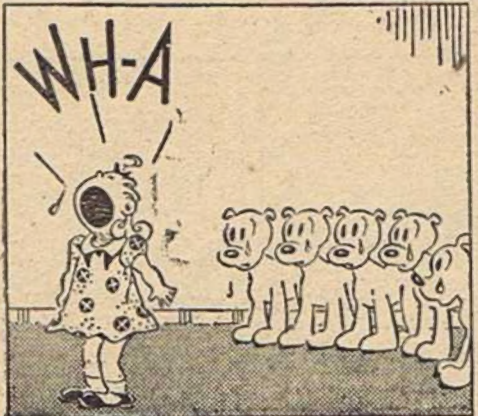
OUT OUR WAY (Courtesy of NEA) By WILLIAMS



BLONDIE

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By CHIC YOUNG



Heavies, Mediums Hit Ploesti; RAF Pays Night Visit

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 10—Military installations in the Ploesti area of Rumania, where oil installations were attacked by RAF heavy and medium bombers last night, were the targets today of medium forces of 15th AAF Flying Forts and Liberators. The American heavies, escorted by Mustangs, bombed their objectives by means of instruments through smoke screens and a number of fires were observed.

Intense flak was encountered by the attacking bombers and early reports indicated that some air opposition had been met from the Luftwaffe. At the same time, another formation of Liberators struck at an oil installation 19 miles northwest of Ploesti.

The Rumanian-American Oil works were the target of the RAF heavies last night. Bombs were dropped through cloud formations and results could not be observed.

FRANCE SOCKED

As medium forces of Liberators and Flying Forts of the 15th AAF struck at important objectives in the Budapest area and in Yugoslavia throughout the day, B-25 Mitchells of the Tactical Air Force shifted their attention from southern France to the Italian Riviera and hit hard at the big Ventimiglia bridge on the coastal railroad ten miles east of Monaco.

A good pattern of high explosives was laid across the western end and approaches of the span and a radio gunner aboard one of the bombers reported that the targets had been cut in two.

At the same time, P-47 Thunderbolts joined with B-26 Marauders to blast the large German air base at Bergamo, 20 miles north of Milan in what was officially described as one of the most perfectly coordinated attacks ever staged in the Mediterranean theater.

The fighter planes, in addition to providing cover for the strong force of bombers, strafed and silenced every one of the 60 heavy and light anti-aircraft guns guarding the targets, allowing the Marauders to make their bomb runs undisturbed by flak.

RANGE ITALY

In other tactical operations fighter bombers damaged a rail bridge and severed the approaches to another in the Alessandria area. North of the battle line, fighter bombers and fighters attacked gun positions, set fires, cut the Ravenna-Ferrara and Ferrara-Bologna rail lines and hit a number of bridges, locomotives, ammunition cars and motor transport.

The Balkan targets of the heavies included an oil refinery at Alas Fuzito, a plane assembly plant at Gyor and airfields at Veces and Tokol in Hungary and rail yards at Brod in Yugoslavia. The refinery at Alma Fuzito formerly produced 125,000 tons of oil annually and was the second largest in Hungary.

Four F boats were bombed, an E boat sunk and two others damaged near Viareggio in air operations south of Genoa, while transport and dock installations along the coastline also were attacked.

Transport and fuel and ammunition were the objectives of the Balkan Air Force and one Mustang squadron which had destroyed more than 200 locomotives in three weeks, knocked out 19 others in Yugoslavia.

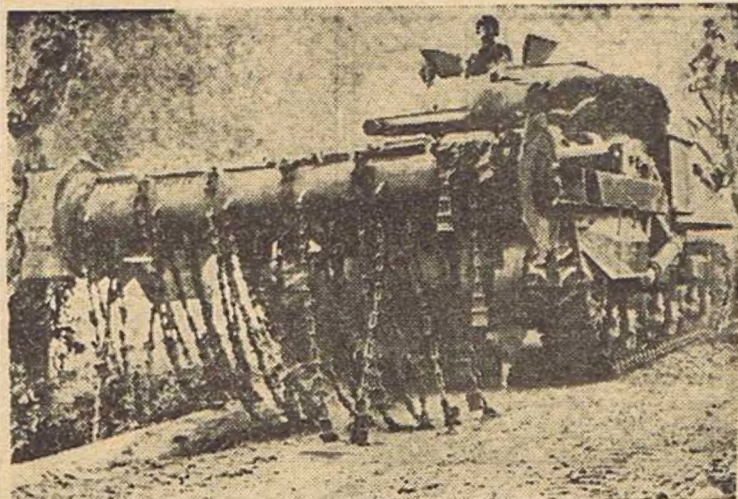
Two ME-109s Snagged On First Combat Run

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 10—Second Lt. Norman C. Skogstad, Barron, Wis., shot down two ME-109s this week while flying his first combat mission as an escort to the heavy bombers which attacked the Nazi synthetic oil plants in Silesia.

The 24-year-old pilot went into a dive to drop his belly tanks which had stuck and found himself next door to one of the Nazi fighters. The Luftwaffe plane was finished with one long burst which hit the tail, the engine and the cockpit. The tail fell off, the engine caught fire and the enemy plane fell into an uncontrollable spin.

Lt. Skogstad chalked up his second victim with several bursts into the engine which sent the German plane plummeting to the earth in flames.

ARMORED SAPPER



The "flail tank" is the latest in mine-sweeping equipment. It moves forward preceding a line of army vehicles, detonating all mines in its path. The special attachment to this British tank consists of a long bar with heavy chains which keep revolving. (Acme)

Richest Cat Can't Stomach All That Dough And Fame

BROOKLINE, Mass., Aug. 10—The awful, awful things that a cat with money has to put up with! It's about enough to make him wish away his nine lives, being the central figure in a law suit involving his 100,000-dollar inheritance and pestered by all those newsreel people.

Buster, the cat who was well remembered in the will of his late millionaire master, Woodbury Rands, is considered the world's richest feline. He is being cared for by Mrs. Margaret T. Thompson, who told reporters today:

"Buster simply must take things easy. All this excitement has made a nervous wreck of him. All day yesterday he couldn't keep a single thing on his stomach, and I think it was mostly his nerves. They're terribly frayed, poor thing. The newsreel people called up yesterday to take his picture, but I just couldn't let them."

While Buster was at home nursing his celebrity stomach nine disinherited cousins of the late Mr. Rands were in court trying to hack away at the cat's fortune. If they fail, Buster will retain the 100,000 smackeroos—but they may succeed to the extent of whittling the cat's stack of dollars down to a mere 40,000.

American Armor Slugs To Nantes

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Fighting, though, was extremely heavy at adjacent Dinard.

German naval vessels and transports were reported to have entered the harbors at Brest and Lorient, presumably in frantic last-minute attempts to evacuate Nazi garrisons there. The Brest garrisons rejected yesterday an American ultimatum to surrender, and heavy fighting continued outside the city. Lt. Gen. Karl Spang, commander of the 266th Infantry, was captured in the battle outside of Brest.

BBC reported that French Forces of the Interior had liberated Morlaix, 37 miles east of Brest, and Quimper, on the southwest corner of the peninsula, home of a famous design on china.

Below Caen, Canadian armor and infantry gained about five miles to get within six miles of Falaise as fighting in that sector completed its third day. Two thousand Germans have surrendered since the Canadians launched their offensive, and others were pulling out of their positions northwest of the town.

British forces to the Canadians' right began a three-pronged tank attack after smashing nine German counterattacks against their Orne River bridgehead. The Nazis were reported in this sector to be falling back toward the Seine, east of the Orne bridgehead. They were moving toward that bridgeless river under fire from rocket-firing Typhoons which were littering roadsides with shattered, blazing German transport.

Farther west in the Vire sector, German tanks recaptured Mortain, marking the fourth time that town had changed hands, but its value was negated by American armor which was well grouped around the town.

Women Should Be Hit Oftener, She Claims

CHICAGO, Aug. 10—Women ought to get slapped around more, Mrs. Alice Currier, director of the Masso-Therapists' Association declared today. "Two-thirds of American wives have completely lost their figures especially around the hips," she said. Men over 40 are going in more for steamlined outlines, the masseuse said, and wifey had better get on the bandwagon before hubby starts developing that roving eye.

Knapp, Anzio Hero, Returns From Wars

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 10—The "One Man Army of Anzio," all 120 pounds of him, passed through here today in a great hurry to get home to Mom and present her with the Congressional Medal of Honor he won for holding off two German companies and killing at least 60 Nazis in Italy.

Pfc. Alton Knappenberger, the 3rd Division's "Army," was due for a big welcome in nearby Norristown, but he hoped there wouldn't be too much delay in his reaching home at Spring Mount, Pa., 15 miles farther, for the reunion with his mother, Mrs. Harvey Siebert.

Between trains he told of events preceding the presentation of the nation's highest military award to him by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark in Rome.

"My company withdrew," he said. "I stayed to hold the German counterattack. I ran out of ammunition and crawled 15 yards under fire to get some from a dead comrade. I crawled back to my position and started to fire again. I was about 35 yards from the enemy. They were throwing hand grenades at me. Finally I crawled back to join my company 300 yards to the rear and learned that the action was over. I was credited with killing 60 Germans."

B-26 Marauder Group Flies 300th Mission

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 10—A B-26 Marauder group commanded by Col. Eugene E. Fletcher, San Diego, Calif., which has been in continuous operation longer than any other Marauder group in the Mediterranean Theater, flew its 300th mission yesterday in the attack on the Bergamo-Seriate air-drome 20 miles north of Milan.

The group has seen action over Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and southern France and before yesterday's mission had destroyed 158 enemy planes in the air and more than 200 more on the ground while losing but 14 bombers to enemy action.

The group took part in the first mission over Rome and was the first to attack military objectives in Florence. During July, the group set a record for accuracy scoring six 100 percent perfect bombings. More than 7,500 sorties have been flown and 10,000 tons of bombs dropped during the 300 missions.

Outbreak Of Paralysis Severest Since 1916

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—The current outbreak of infantile paralysis is the most severe since 1916, reports to the Public Health Service revealed today. In the past five weeks 2,270 cases have been reported throughout the nation. North Carolina had 475 cases; New York, 311; Ohio, 48; Michigan, 40, and Maryland, 27.

Guam Now Nearly All In U. S. Hands; Wake, Truk Hit

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 10—American troops have captured all of Guam Island except a small area inland from Pati point on the east coast, it was announced today. Jap troops remaining have little chance of escape because of the constant patrol of U. S. naval vessels.

Widespread Yank air attacks were made yesterday on Wake Island in the Central Pacific, Truk and Ponape in the Carolines, Nauru in the Gilberts and remaining enemy positions in the Marshalls.

In the Aitape battle area of British New Guinea, all organized resistance from the trapped Japanese 18th Army has ended, said Allied headquarters. About 7,000 Nips have been killed in the bitter struggle which began a month ago when the Japs started their desperate attempt to break through the American lines.

Now, although about 20,000 Japs are still believed to remain in the trap, it was said they were in scattered groups and were fast being rounded up by the Yanks.

Mafia In Brooklyn Named In Killings

NEW YORK, Aug. 10—Bench warrants have been issued for six members of a secret society, described as a successor to the old Mafia or Black Hand Society transplanted here from Sicily in 1899, wanted in connection with the 1934 Brooklyn slaying of Ferdinand "The Shadow" Boccia. The New York Times said that a one-eyed ex-convict known as "The Hawk" gave information to police leading to the warrants.

The warrants were issued for Vito Genovese, Michael Mirandi, Peter De Feo, Gus Frasca, George Smurra and a man known as Sally. The informant was identified by the Times as Ernest Rupoluo, who apparently was associated with the organization.

King's County District Attorney Thomas C. Hughes commented, "There is nothing I can properly disclose. It has been a secret investigation and I am sorry any phase has leaked out."

Marine Hero Receives Welcome Of Home Town

ANOKA, Minn., Aug. 10—Marine hero Richard K. Sorenson, wearer of the Congressional Medal of Honor for smothering a Jap grenade with his body, saving the lives of five comrades, received an "official" home town welcome here today.

Every Anoka business was closed, flags lined the downtown streets and waved from front porches as Col. C. L. Forney, Chicago, Marine commanding officer for 16 midwest states, joined with state army and navy officials to pay tribute to the 19-year-old youth who has spent six months in hospitals recovering from his injuries.

It was a day-long celebration that began with a parade and public luncheon in honor of the hero of the Kwajalein Atoll.

New Stockholders

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 10—Bruce Cabot, former movie actor recently released from the Army, and John McLean, of the Southern Aircraft Corporation, have purchased stock in the Philly Eagles of the National Football League. Alexis Thompson, however, still retains the majority interest in the club.

LI'L ABNER

(Courtesy of United Features)



By AL CAPP